

BALTIMORE CITY--COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION

CDBG SURVEY YEAR:12

SURVEY NO.:B-4168

AREA:Coldstream-Homestead-Montebello

MAGI NO.:0441688704

ADDRESS:1643 Carswell Street
CURRENT NAME:

BLOCK: 4129 LOT: 033
HEIGHT:2
CONDITION:Good

LOT SIZE:
MATERIALS:Brick
OWNER:
ADDRESS:
ACCESSIBLE:
LIBER/FOLIO:

USE:Vacant dwelling
DESIGNATION:

HISTORIC NAME:
DATE:ca. 1920
ARCHITECT/BUILDER:
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE):



DESCRIPTION:

1643 Carswell Street, a two story, two bay brick rowhouse set on a raised basement, is located between Polk and Kennedy Streets in the Coldstream-Homestead-Montebello (CHM) planning district of northeast Baltimore. It is a daylight style rowhouse with a deep front porch. The majority of the windows have been covered, but a 1 over 1 wood window is still visible on the second floor. The second floor windows are beneath a double row segmental arch with plain tympanums. The first floor openings, door and window, have plain flat wood sills and plain flat oversized wood lintels. The original door has been replaced, but a rectangular transom is still present. The building has a pressed metal cornice with simple end brackets. The porch is supported by brick columns on brick piers. A flat roof covers the porch and continues down the row.

SIGNIFICANCE:

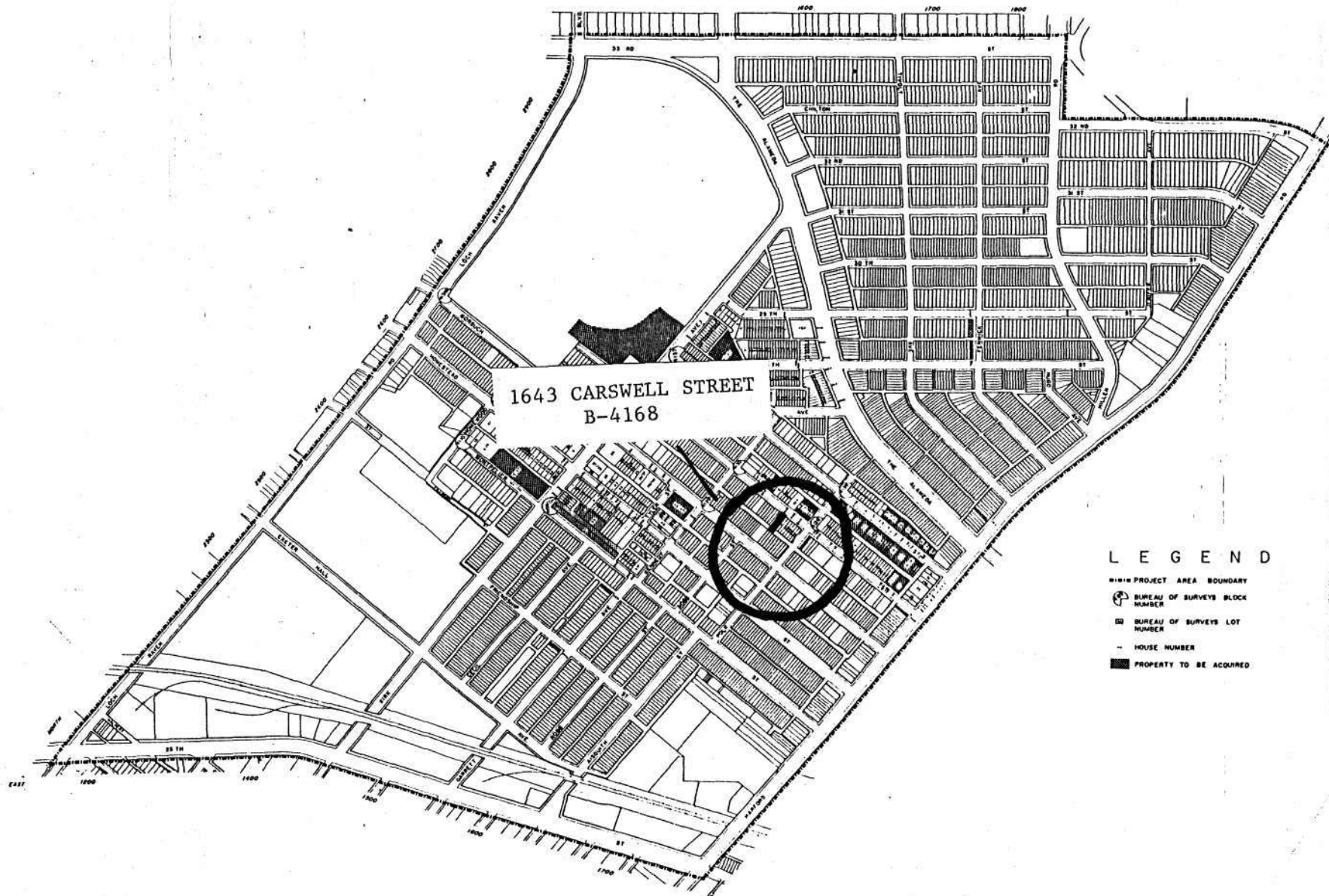
AREA:Architecture LEVEL:Local

1643 Carswell (originally Washington Street), a daylight style rowhouse, contributes to the architectural diversity of the Coldstream-Homestead-Montebello (CHM) area and would be considered eligible for the National Register as part of the undefined expansion to the CHM eligible area. 1654 is located one block north of this district. CHM is distinctive among Baltimore neighborhoods for its assortment of building types. The area is not dominated by one distinct structural style, as is often common in Baltimore. This is due to the unsuccessful attempt in the 1850s to establish a suburban community, Homestead. Homestead resulted in only scattered development, which was later infilled with a mixture of building types. This resulted in a neighborhood with suburban and urban building forms, frame and brick structures, and rowhouses, duplexes, and free standing houses. The row including 1643 is an example of the area's early twentieth century infill or development. The row was constructed in two phases. The first phase, finished by 1914, stopped at 1641. The houses of the second phase, beginning with 1643 and continuing to the end of the row, are shorter than those of the first.

SOURCES:CHAP Files; Topo Map 1914

SURVEYOR AND DATE:Mary K. Mannix, July 1987

PROPERTY ACQUISITION



COLDSTREAM - HOMESTEAD - MONTEBELLO

PLANNING DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



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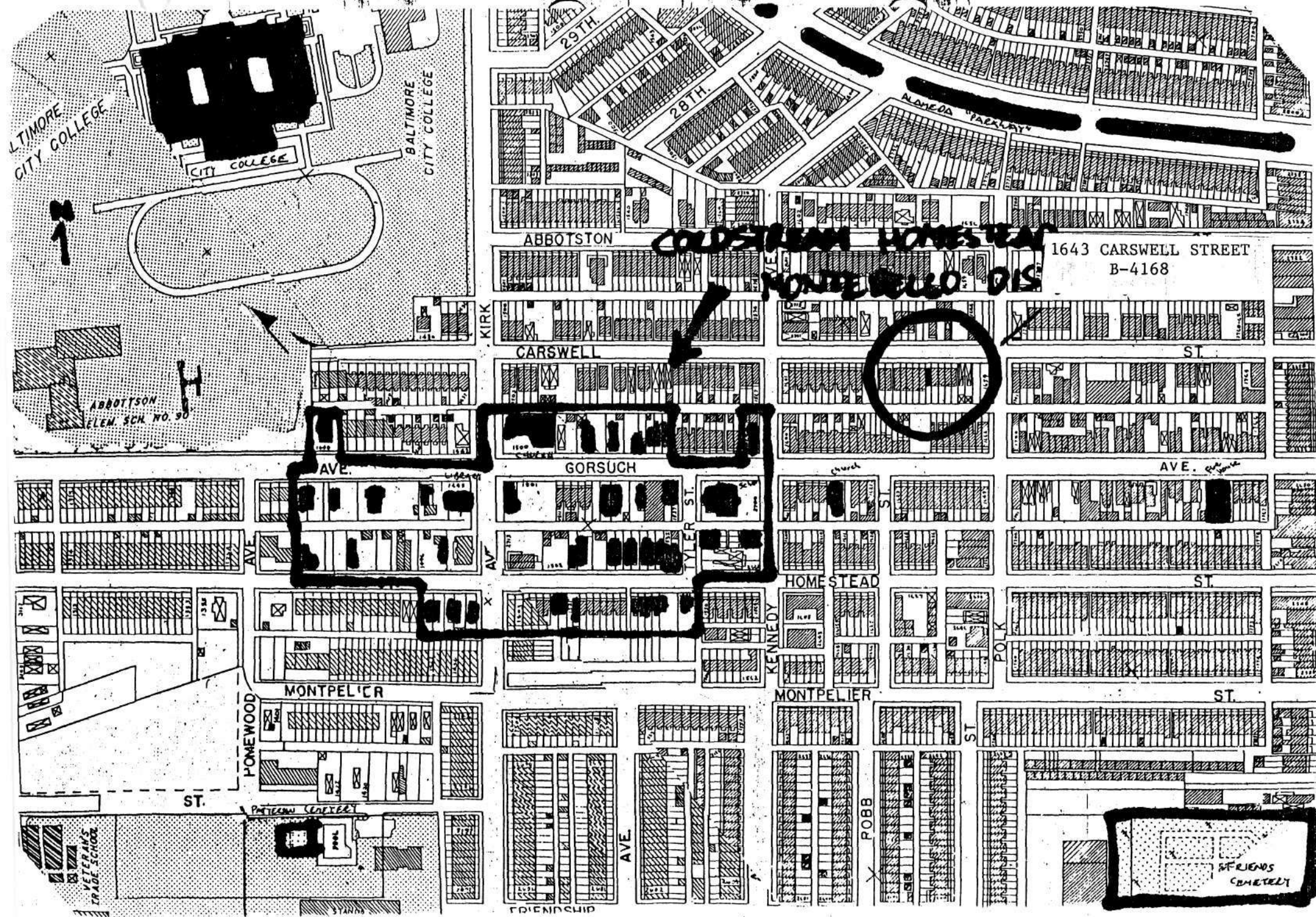
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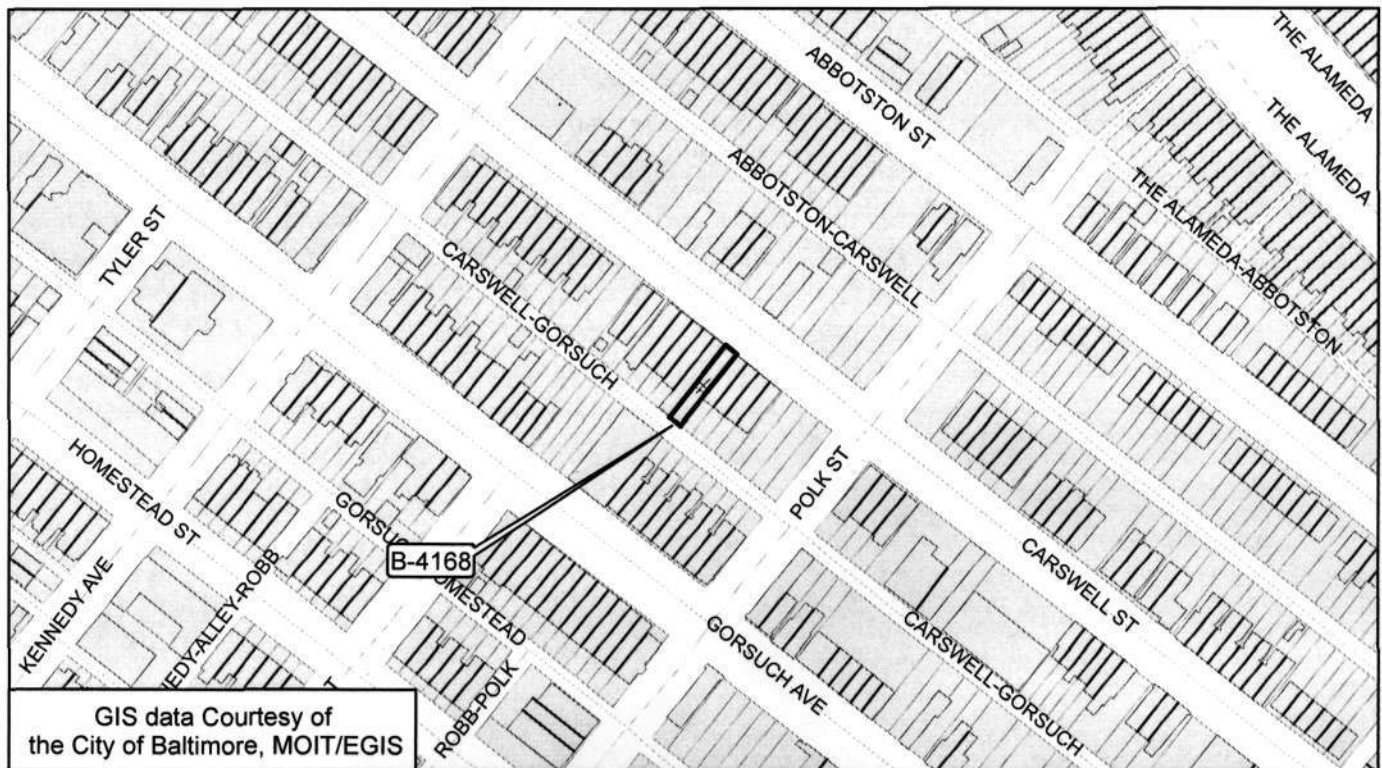
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EXHIBIT

● NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBLE BUILDINGS (INDIVIDUALLY OR AS PART OF A DISTRICT)



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1643 Carswell Street
Block 4129, Lot 033
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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Baltimore (City), Maryland

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Date:May 1987

Neg.Loc.:Maryland Historical Trust
Northeast elevation